





# St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School & Nursery

"Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..."



## NEWSLETTER – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Our Values this half term are: **Justice and Community**

 Stars of the Week 	 Home Learner Stars 
Reception - Emilia & Usman	Reception – Areesha & Hasnain
Year 1 – Broagan & Nicolas	Year 1 – Khadija & Farhan
Year 2 – Umar & Rebeca	Year 2 – Juwairiyah & Hamzah P
Year 3 – Class isolating	Year 3 – Maaidah & Abubakr
Year 4 – Karmani, Stevie, Aisha, Aminah, Divine & Ibrahim	Year 4 – Amaan & Nabiya
Year 5 – Yusuf, Ciprian & Cara	Year 5 – Ibrahim S & Ayesha S
Year 6 – Gabriela & Rubie-Leigh	Year 6 – Kayden & Marium

Dear Parents/Carers,

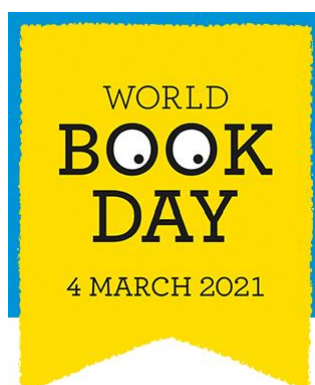
It really is starting to feel more hopeful now that we are able to welcome all the children back and work with everyone as we cautiously move towards getting life back to normal.



Thank you everyone for the support you have given to the school and the way that you have been working to help the children with their remote learning. We do appreciate that for many of you this has been extremely challenging and you will be as relieved as us that the children are now back in school where they belong 😊

It is very, very important that we all still follow the rules on behaviour as the opening of schools is **not** the end of the restrictions. Please make sure that when you come to school to drop off or collect that you continue to follow the rules on distancing (2m at all times) and don't stand with people who are not in your household 'bubble'. All the information available to us at this time is that the greatest risk of transmission is between adults so let's all stay safe.

Follow this link for further details: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home#summary-what-you-can-and-cannot-do-during-the-national-lockdown> If you need to speak with someone in the office, please use the telephone and call first, 01772 794482.



### World Book Day

This was a great day despite all the challenges of not having everyone in school. Thanks to Mrs Shaikh and Mrs Rossall for the organisation that went into the day and I hope all of you at home managed to have some fun too. It was great to see so much colour around in school, I even managed to find some seriously bright pink socks to wear!

I have loved looking at the pictures of the day both in school and at home, some of the videos that children have uploaded have been brilliant!

Have a look at your child's Class Dojo pages to see what they have been up to...

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## Road Safety

Thank you everyone who is avoiding Derby Square at the beginning and end of the day, please continue to do all you can to keep our children and community safe at these times. A reminder that it is illegal to park on the zig-zags on the pedestrian crossing on New Hall Lane. Over the last few weeks I have observed people pulling up to drop their children off; please do not do this as you place the children and other road users at risk.



## Easter Egg Raffle

The school's traditional Easter Egg Raffle takes place again this year! There are a large number of eggs being donated by staff members to be raffled off and tickets are available in school, 20p each.

## Worship

I hope you have been able to watch the videos that have been uploaded each week to the website? Worship is a central part of the daily life of a Church school, children are not required to pray but they are encouraged to listen to what is being said and to hopefully learn from it. This year as with last year we are using a range of different values as our focus and trying to understand what they mean from a Christian point of view; it is wonderful when the children discuss what it means from their point of view and from the point of view of other faiths too.

## Values in action

Throughout the 12 months we have not just been doing our best to provide remote learning, we have also been doing what we can to help out practically during the very challenging times we have lived through. We believe very strongly that we are a part of the community and as such have worked alongside the Church and FareShare to provide a mixture of Food Parcels and the weekly food market at the Church. Many thanks To Mrs Bryden and Miss Parkinson for the work they have done on this.



## Remote Learning – lovely moments!

Whilst we know that the whole period of Remote Learning was a huge challenge there were also lovely moments such as this one when children in one of the Reception Classes were able to link up some of their friends on Zoom. Even better than that, they are now back in school together again!

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**Dates for your diary:**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day – details to follow from the School Council

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Pause Day

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March - school closes for holidays. Please note the earlier times:

Reception, Y2, Y4, Y6 finish at 2pm Y1, Y3 & 5 finish at 2.15pm.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – school re-opens for the Summer term

Have a great week in school (hooray!) and keep safe.

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